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*A.*—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No such proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister does not consider that the Excise Advisory Committees are quite useless ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It is a matter on which each one has got his own opinion. I am not in a position to say so; nor have I the materials to come to the conclusion whether they are useless or not."

## Adulteration of Food stuffs

*Working of the Madras Food Adulteration Act of* 1918.

* 1215 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918 has not yet been brought into operation;

(*b*) whether the Health Officer of the City of Madras has reported that no effective control over the sale and exposure for sale of articles of food and drink will be possible until the Act is brought into force; and

(*c*) when the Government propose to bring the Act into operation in Madras City and to which municipalities they propose to extend it ?

*A.*—(*a*) The question of extending the provisions of the Act to municipal areas has been under correspondence with certain municipal councils.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposal to extend the Act from 1st April 1929 to the Madras Corporation and to the areas under the following municipalities is awaiting the sanction of Government to the staff necessary to help the Public Analyst :—

(1) Ootacamund; (2) Madura; (3) Guntur; (4) Rajahmundry; (5) Coimbatore; (6) Calicut; (7) Vizagapatam; (8) Trichinopoly.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know why for the last so many years the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918 has not been brought into operation ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The question of deciding to which of the municipal areas the Act should be extended and also the question of appointing a competent staff to look after the duties—all these things do take time and hence the delay."

## Medical

*Re-organization of the medical service.*

* 1216-A *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what effect has been given to the Government of India Order on the Lee Commission Report in respect of the re-organization of the medical services; and

(*b*) whether there are any districts now reserved for European I.M.S. officers as per the above order to which no such officers have been posted ?

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*A.*—(*a*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the scheme published by the Government of India in their press communiqué dated the 10th May 1928. This scheme provided for the gradual release of 90 posts for the Provincial Medical Services, subject to the preservation of the existing rights of Indian Medical Service officers in civil employ. The detailed measures required to safeguard these rights are being worked out by the Government of India. This Government have addressed the Government of India about the reversion of four Indian Medical Service officers who have not acquired permanent rights in our service.

(*b*) Yes. Vizagapatam, North Arcot and Guntur.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know how many Indian Medical Service officers have been reverted back ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know wherefrom my hon. Friend got the idea that Indian Medical Service officers are to be reverted."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Because in the Lee Commission Report it is distinctly stated that the number of Indian Medical Service officers to be retained was 21 or 22. At present we are having four or six officers more. I should like to know from the hon. Minister what steps he is taking to restrict the number to the sanctioned number of posts ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am afraid I am not able to find out where the idea of reverting Indian Medical Service officers is got from. I do not think it is in the press communiqué that has been issued."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I am not talking of the communiqué. What I am referring to is the Lee Commission's Report which states that Madras should have a certain ' listed ' posts for Indian Medical Service officers. At present we are having more officers than those sanctioned. I ask the hon. Minister what steps he is taking to bring this number to the sanctioned number of posts ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Lee Commission Report has to be accepted by the Secretary of State and orders have to be passed by him. Only a communiqué has been issued by the Government of India and this Government are in correspondence with the Government of India regarding the reversion to the Military department of four Indian Medical Service officers who have not acquired a right to permanent employment."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government communiqué referred to does not cover these four officers ? Do they make any differentiation ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes, they do."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" What is the difference ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The difference is whether a person's service is permanent service or acting service."